



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of)

ISAO TOMON)

Serial No. 09/727,961)

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For IT SYSTEM)

Group Art Unit 3627

G. O'Connor, Examiner

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ELECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2003, Applicant, through his attorney, replies as follows:

The Examiner has required an election between the species of Figs. 2 and 9-14. As a result, the Applicant hereby elects the species of Fig. 2 without traverse. Claims 1-8, inclusive, read on this elected species.

An action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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